

MEMORANDUM

August 2, 2002

TO: Governor
FROM: John
RE: 9/11 observance
CC: Phillip
Lee Ann

We have been discussing plans for an event observing the one-year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. It is felt we should look at doing something down around the memorial area at the Woolfolk building, with the statue and granite "flag" wall as the backdrop. The event should be reverent, patriotic and uplifting. It shouldn't be a solemn, wear all black type of occasion, but it also shouldn't be a party atmosphere.

Obviously, you would be the lead speaker. General Lipscomb and some area religious leaders should also be invited to speak, and if possible, a Mississippian who has seen service (preferably in Afghanistan) should speak. We can work on getting the Army Band and any other groups that might perform.

Phillip had the idea that the event should take place at the exact time the first plane hit the north tower of the WTC (approximately 8:30 am CST). This would draw people on their way to work over to the event and help us build a crowd.

The State Fire Academy is also doing an event at 10am to which you have been invited. By doing our event earlier, it would allow you to participate in their ceremony if you so choose.

Do you want us to go ahead and set the date, time and place for this, along with gathering speakers and planning a program? Yes No